

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-18 and 21-37 have been presented for examination. Examiner allowed claims 1-9, 11-13, 17, 18, 21-30 and rejected finally claims 14-16 and 31-37. By this amendment the Applicants cancel claims 14-16 and 31-37 to put the subject patent application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner acknowledged that the Applicants claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in the Netherlands on October 13, 2000, but noticed that the priority document was not filed. A certified copy of the priority document is filed concurrently herewith.

In view of the amendments and Certified copy submission the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the subject application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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